

July 25, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate Superintendents, Public School Academy Administrators, and School Principals

FROM: Office of Evaluation, Strategic Research, and Accountability (OESRA)

SUBJECT: 2013 Preliminary Scorecard Reminders

In follow up to the memorandum sent on July 22, 2013, which announced the availability of 2013 Preliminary Accountability Scorecards, please be reminded that scorecards are **preliminary and embargoed**.

This preliminary information is intended to give districts and schools the opportunity to review their data and potentially appeal:

- the MI-Access 1% Proficiency Cap, and
- the inclusion of Formerly Limited English Proficient and Formerly Special Education students in their former subgroups.

All other data had a separate appeals window during the school year. The preliminary data is also embargoed and cannot be shared with parties outside of your school/district. Because this preliminary data can change during the appeals window based on the appeals process, it is in your best interest NOT to share this preliminary information with parties outside of your school/district; in addition, doing so puts at risk the preliminary preview window for schools/districts in the future. Be assured there is a "post-appeals" preview window that will give you an opportunity to review your FINAL scorecard before this information becomes publicly available. Given the fact that colors can change, we encourage you to check your scorecard throughout the preliminary window and again during the final preview window. The specific date for the public release of accountability scorecards will be scheduled by the Michigan Department of Education, though we anticipate it will occur sometime in mid-August.

Guide to Scorecards

We have received a number of inquiries about the new scorecard colors that replaced the "Met AYP"/"Did Not Make AYP" designations. Additional information on the 2013 Michigan School Accountability Scorecards, including detailed information about the scorecard color system, can be found in the *Guide to Reading the 2013 Michigan School Accountability Scorecards*:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ScorecardGuide_426897_7.pdf

Contact Information

If you have questions or need additional information on these issues, please contact the Office of Evaluation, Strategic Research, and Accountability by phone at 877-560-8378, and choose option 6, or send an email to MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

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